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Text of the Lesson, II Sam. xviii, 24-33. Memory Verse, 33 - Goldon Text, Prov. xvii, 25-Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Depyright, 1903, by American Press Association.] In the last lesson we left David fleeing from Absalom because of the reellion, but it was still manifestly true the Lord preserved David whithersoer he went" (viii, 6, 14). The counof Ahithophel, who left David to in Absalom, was as if a man had inmired at the oracle of God, but in anower to David's prayer that God would arn the counsel of Ahithophel into collishness God saw fit to do it grough Hushai, David's friend (xv, at, 34, 37; xvi, 23; xvii, 14). There is great comfort to a believer in the words of Ps. xxxiii, 10, 11, "The counand of the Lord standeth forever, the houghts of his heart to all genera-See also Isa. xiv, 24, and it is our privilege to rest in the assurance or, iv, 15, and to take even the cursag of a Shimel (xvi, 5, 12) as permitted by God to show His power in time and change the curse to a that the Lord is roundabout His people, as the mountains, as a hedge, a fire, and that nothing can posably come through without His permission, not even the barking of a dog (Ex. xi, 7). The phrase "David's friend" (xv. 87:

evi, 16) reminds us of Abraham, the ariend of God (II Chron. xx, 7; Isa. xli, Jas. ii, 23), and of our Lord's words, have called you friends" (John xv. . Why not be more worthy of such a royal friend? The friendship of this world is enmity with God, and it is appossible to be a friend of the world and of God too (Jas. Iv. 4). The manmor of Ahithophel's going out of this world (17, 23) has grown to be the common thing in our day, not hanging, but the taking of his own life, another adication that the return of the King graweth near. Mahanaim, where Shobi and Machir and Barzillai met David and his people with so much kindness, makes us remember the kindness of God to Jacob in some of the dark days and that we, too, have the ministry of angels as well as of visible friends. (xvii, 27, 29; Gen. xxxii, 2).

Our lesson chapter opens with the soing forth of David's army under factory. Boab, Abishai and Ittal, with the words of David ringing in their ears, "Deal mently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom" (verse 5). The armies met, and David's followers were victorious. There was a great caughter of Absalom's followers, and Absolom himself was slain miserably by the hand of Joab and mrown into a pit and covered with a beap of stones (17). His beautiful head of hair was seemingly his ruin perce 9, chapter xiv. 26). How often is that what one prizes most bemomes the undoing of such a one! Pride of any kind always leads to a fall. David was prevented from going out th the army, the people saying that be would not matter if half of them died, but that David was worth ten thousand of them (verse 3), so he remained in the city and sat between the two gates to wait and watch for tidings, while the watchman went up to the roof over the gate that he might see afar off and advise the king. David hoped for good tidings, but it must have been with a sorrowful heart and words in our lesson verses, "watchmany things and give us a whole study in themselves. Because of a begotten Son of God, the angel said to the shepherds, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (Luke ii, 10), but the majority of those to whom the good mews has come seem not to care whether others hear or not. The epers outside of Samaria put us to man'e, who said in the midst of plenty, while others were perishing, "We do mot well; this day is a day of good tidlags, and we hold our peace."

A common question asked by those who hear for the first time of the wondrous love of God, as to how long we have known it and why we did not come sooner to tell their friends who have died without hearing, ought to mearch us to the very heart. Do we be-Seve the cry of the watchman. "The morning cometh, and also the night." and, as we think of Israel's blindness, what about obedience to the command In Isa, xl, 9, margin? Alas, there are many who, like Ahimaaz, the son of tidings, and therefore their running is upon the flexibility of the English, last year shows that the whole ley Aiken, Oconee, Fairfield, Saluda, In vain. The message is plain, but we note this: "The army having been course has been overhauled and re- Georgetown and Clarendon. tell it. See Hab. II, 2. "Make it place and the slope of the hill and course seems to be given over to replain that he may run that readeth it," may read, which is not in the Scripture. We see in our lesson the grief of a loving father over the untimely death of a wayward son, and our hearts are thick hedges having been cast down." year's 8th and 9th grades, added touched by the cry of the broken bearted father.

What about the heart of God as He gave up His only Son, the holy one, lege diploma, and is exempt from exto become a sacrifice for our sins, a sin bearer, a curse for us? Let each one say "bearing my sins in His own body on the tree." Might be not say to us as I'e beholds our indifference, "Is it mothing to you all ye that pass by?"

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OUR SCHOOLS.

PAPER NO. 9.

BY PROF. WILLIAM H. HAND.

added this year, it is easily demon- teachers-all but one college gradstrable by figures that the public uates: Ceasar (thus by three teachunaided, have increased in efficiency more than twenty-five per cent since January 1, 1907. in more than oncfourth of them the efficiency has chief increase is in the quantity lengthened courses of study. The State appropriation of \$50,000 has been the chief instrument by which straw. these improvements have been brought about, but it must be admitted that even with this lever it has been a task of magnitude to sacure this increased efficiency. It has required courage and watchfulness year course, no matter how many on the part of the State High School Board to prevent the schools from taking the State aid for the high the "all things" of Rom. vill, 28; II school, then turning it into the common school department without one particle of increase of efficiency in the high school.

The introductory statement might sessing. See the sequel to this event lead the uninformed to think that chapter xix, 16, 20. If we would our high schools are now satisfactohave perfect rest we must believe firm- ry. Far from it. There are now not far from 140 public high schools coming within the minimum definition of a high school under the present high school law—one teacher standard two-year course. The golian, or ring-necked, pheasants and giving all his time to not fewer than fifteen pupils above the seventa grade or seventh school year. Of these 140 schools, 25 have one high school teacher each, 80 schoo's have two teachers each, and the remaining ones more than two teachers each. Only six schools have each the full teaching time of five teachers or more.

In nearly all the one-teacher high schools the recitation periods have been advanced to 30 minutes each, nothing less than 20 minutes being accepted in the aided schools. In those with two or more high school teachers, fully three-fourths have 40- and 45-minute periods, while a few have one hour periods. In an aided school of this class nothing less than 30 minutes is accepted. The greatest single gain has been this lengthening of the recitation periods, and upon the whole the situation in this respect is satis-

Some noticeable, improvement in the competency of the teachers has been made, but in this respect conditions are far from satisfactory. Many places are willing to pay from \$1,200 to \$1.500 for a supervising principa:. but give him cheap assistants. It is utterly useless to talk about getting a competent and experienced woman, fitted to do high school teaching, at \$40 a month, or a man who has shown himsoif qualified, at \$60. It is painful to me to say this, for among just such teachers are some of my best personal friends. But I know only too well that the standard of the high schools depends upon the standard of their teaching force. Let me tell some things more than one high school teacn.; wrestle a half-hour with an ordina"y problem in Wentworth's Practical Arithmetic, a book usually completed in the 8th grade. In Tarr's Physical Geography, a book really too difficult for the 8th grade where it monie forebodings. The two prominent is usually found, I have seen teachers cover enough ground in one 30man" and "tidings." suggest to us minute recitation to have given well beloved Son given for us, the only have seen the class read the text es in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, time, then listened to the teacher answer expected. Day after day a see teachers vainly attempting to teach English grammar and punctuseemingly oblivious to the fact that called deadly in some instances. Not a few hig schools pupils after to separate a word into its sylables, or to determine the length of a sy.lable. In translation it is no uucommon thing to hear such as this: "Gallia-Gaul, est-is, omnis-all, divis-1divided, in-in, partes-parts, tresthree," etc. As a specimen product changing of teachers. A comparison of he vigor of the Latin grafted of this year's schedule with that of must receive it before we can run and drawn up more as the nature of the organized, and in some cases the new

The High School Situation- my desk are some specimens of spell-Counting the increased facilities ing in the handwriting of high school high schools of the State, aided and ers), latin, liturature, Enock Arden. Buehler's grammar has been in conand Myers' histories more than been doubled within that time. The fifteen years. Here are some of the Meyer's; Beuhler (five teachers), riods, a wider range of studies, and (two teachers), Beuhlar (one teachpal can not make bricks without

> is a two-year school. Nine-tenths tary Jas. Henry Rice, Jr. of the high schools offer a threenor how few teachers. Last year fewer units of work than are requir- and prairie chicken. ed for a standard three-year course. tion Board. The error into which grouse, but such is the law. most of these schools have fallen intervals of advancement between od which the law allows. each two, then call each division a Another four-year school gets classes are together in more than one study. One must not be misled interature—a little biography, if the

dable affairs. At random I take ed. one year's work from one of these courses: Arithmetic, Algebra, Rhet- on his premises if they are destroyoric. Literature, Latin (reading, ing crops, but he is not allowed to grammar and prose composition), seil them or their feathers. Physical Geography, History, and No non-game bird may be shipped Business Methods (an innocent litt'e I have seen and heard. I have seen pupil takes everything prescribed, and each pupil is on recitation practically every period during the day. year's work, and a few have Physical Geography and Physics in the same year, with practically no other science in the entire course.

truth must be told.

The majority of the one-teacher sition, Literature, Physical Geogra- 30 days' imprisonment. ask twenty to thirty wholly unrelated phy, U. S. History, S. C. History, training or knowledge out of them. In even the better schools the aver- this savage slaughter. two years of Latin study are unable age pupil gets but little out of such subjects as Physical Geography, the pupil.

schools, suffer from the endless ception of the following counties: some in one part and some another In at least two cases the new teach- to March 1. were resisting the enemy and the ers have taken the pupil out of last etc. (See Caesar's Gallic War, Book a few recruits, and made a four-only to Georgetown county. II, chapter 22.). The teacher who year school. Presumably that is rest are from August 1 to February accepted this jargon holds a col- progress.

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THE GAME LAW

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Birds Defined by the Statutes, Which Are Very Rigid.

The Audubon society is in receipt also from other States. To make Only a few high schools are con- the principal points clear the followtent to offer a two-year course, 41- ing is a summary of the more imthough one of the best in the State portant laws as prepared by Secre-

Game Birds.

The statute of 1905, passed two there were but four public high years before the Audubon society was schools in the State with a standard chartered, defines what are game four-year course, and enough teach- birds and what are not. The game ers to teach it. The report for 1908- birds are: Swans, wild geese, brant, 09 will show perhaps eight standard wild ducks, rails (marsh hens), four-year schools. To be sure more coots, gallinules, surf birds, snip , than four schools claim a four-year woodcock, quail (partridge), rice course. Several schools claiming a bird black bird, dove, sand-pipers, four-year course were credited with upland plover, curlew, wild turkey

It is not known to the society and one school claiming four years why, prarie (pinnated grouse) henfell below the requirements for a were put on this list, nor why Monstandard applied to the nigh schoo's ruffed grouse were left off. There was that generally accepted by the are no prairie chickens in South colleges of the State, and is below Carolina; whereas there ar e both that used by the Carnegie Founda- Mongolian pheasants and ruffe-

The above birds may be shot in is to divide their pupils into four the seasons permitted by law, or classes with six- and seven-month taken in those seasons by any meta-

Non-game Birds. year in the course. That the reader All birds not on this list are nonmay see the validity of some of game birds within the meaning of these claims, some courses are here the law and may not be killed at any outlined. This is the fourth year's time; nor may their nests or eggs work in one school: The first half be destroyed. It is a misdemeanor of Myers' General history, Commer- to have in possession any part of a cial Arithmetic five times a week, non-game bird, such as feathers, three books of Plane Geometry, and body or skin; and it is equally forty-five hours during the year to against the law whether such was Tappan's History of Literature. killed within or without the State.

In the preamble to this act it is through the Second Book of Caesar's stated: "That all wild birds, whether Gallic War, four books of Plane resident or migratory, in this State, Geometry, and Tappan's Literature. shall be, and are hereby, declared Numbers of these courses show that to be the property of the State. the third-year and the fourth-year That is the law of South Carolina. Birds That Are Excepted.

The act further recites that the by the term literature in many of English sparraw, cooper's hawk (the these schools. It is nothing more chicken or hen hawk), the sharpthan reading about the authors of shinned hawk (known locally as the "Blue Darter"), the great horned owl and all other birds which are by The poverty of some of these four- nature destructive of other birds, year courses is more than offset by are not included among the birds some of the plethoric 'hree-year protected by this act, nor are the courses, some of which are formi- nests or eggs of these birds protect

A person is allowed to kill crow

out of the State nor may the egg text). In this year's work every or feathers of such bird be shipped. For Scientific Purposes.

Several schools have Arithmetic, the age of 15 or upward, who is in the practice of law, engaged in Algebra and Geometry in the same properly accredited, permitting the a personal difficulty in the law office holder to collect birds and their eggs of Nicholls & Nicholls at a reference for strictly scientific purposes. The applicant must be endorsed by two high schools undertake the impos- is proved that the holder has taken offence at a statement made by M". profitable work for three such pe- sible-to teach a full four-year birds for other than scientific pur- Evans and they came to blows. Muriods. In one history recitation I course. One such school has class- poses his certificate will be at once tual friends rushed between the warake a fourth reader for one-half the English Grammar, English Compo- he will be liable to a fine of \$100 or

It will be seen that no woman has questions each suggestive of the General History, Beginner's Latiu, the right to wear the feathers of a Caesar and Ovid. One teacher may non-game bird on her hat; it is an teach a few subjects through a four- indictable offense under the laws of year course, and do it well, but on South Carolina and it might be added ation from the rules and the few such a course as the one just given that it is an indictable offense unexamples given in the textbook, and a teacher is wasting his time and der the laws of almost every civilized energy. The greatest evil is to the country in the world. There are every textbook the child uses is full pupil. His time and effort are ai- 150,000,000 birds used up in the of the very illustrations needed. vided up among so many subjects plume trade of Europe every year, Latin is usually referred to as a dead that he pursues none of them long these birds being imported from language; it might with propriety ce enough and far enough to get any Asia, Africa and Polynesia. Many species have become extinct through

The Open Season for Game. According to the act of 1906 seaphysics, and Civics, because they are son for shooting partridges, wild not studied long enough to benefit turkey, woodcock, Mongolian or other pheasant is made from No-The high schools, like the common vember 15 to March 1, with the ex-

Beaufort, Hampton, Dorcheste.

These counties have from the necessity of the time than as viewing past work. Perhaps such formerly among the excepted count the lyncing. not, as often quoted, that he that runs the order and plan of military things course is necessary, but it shows a ties, but has been taken up and the demanded, since the different legious, fearful wast of energy somewhere. season there is from November 15

The deer season is from September 1 to January 1, but the law appn s

Game Birds Not to Be Sold. The act of 1906 makes it a misdemeanor to sell, or offer or exposefor sale, to pot hant, net or trap, or by firelight to pursue with intent to eatch, kill or injure any of the game birds named in that section. The handling, possessing or ownership of these birds is prima facie evidence that they are being offere! for sale.

These are the laws of the State of South Carolina, made by the law ful representatives of the people and are binding on every citizen whether he thinks they are wise or unwise. The first consideration is that they are the laws of the land. Any person has the constitutional right to make representations to the legislature to have any law changed. but while it is on the books he is bound to obey it.

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Through a san's Body at Fire in

a Mine.

One man is dead, one missing, one dying and four others injured by a dynamite exclosion at Hammond mines near Gadsden, Ala., at nine o'clock Thursday night. Almost 9 ery plate glass window in Gadsden was broken and twenty-four miners nouses in the vicinity of the explosion were razed to the ground and partment had responded to the alarn. of a house burning, being near a magazine. Hundreds of spectators standing near the scene when the explosion occurred and every one within a wide radious were hurled entirely through the body of Henry Kell, and no trace can be found of Arthur Hood.

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yers Come to Blows.

· A Spartanburg dispatch says the Hon. John Gary Evans and Mr. S. Certificates may be granted by the G. Finley, well known lawyers, and secretary of State to any preson of who, until recently, were associated for scientificofi cmfwypshrdlurdluk which was being held for the pu:pose of settling the business affairs of the former partnership of Messrs. well known ornithologists, and if it Evans & Finley. Mr. Finley took canceled and not renewed. Besides ring lawyers and stopped the fight before either sustained injuries.

Killed in Prison.

A mob of about thirty men attacked the Roane county, Tenn, jail Friday morning, and killed Geo. Cook, held on the charge of murdering John King, a few weeks ago. All but two of the mob were mask- and bronchial tubes. ed. The identity of one of the mob

Negro Pickpocket Caught. At Columbia a negro named Jones was arrested Thursday by the Fair Bowlit's Kidney and Bladder Pille -Sure and Safe grounds police for attempting to pick the pockets of Mr. Wright, of

Sumter. There were several cases brought before Magistrate Riley by

Night Riders Caught.

Many of the night riders who bru-Colleton, Charleston, Barnwell, Berl: | tally murdered Captain Quentin Rankin in Tennessee last week has been arrested and is now in jail. One of chinery, etc. the murderers has confessed, implivember 1 to April 1. Lexington was cating eighty-five other persons in

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